

(3) The proposal is not “connected” (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)) to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(2)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or §1021.211 of this part.

(c) All categorical exclusions may be applied by any organizational element of DOE. The sectional divisions in appendix B to this subpart D are solely for purposes of organization of that appendix and are not intended to be limiting.

(d) A class of actions includes activities foreseeably necessary to proposals encompassed within the class of actions (such as associated transportation activities and award of implementing grants and contracts).

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- A13. Procedural Orders, Notices, and guidelines
- A14. Approval of technical exchange arrangements
- A15. Umbrella agreements for cooperation in energy research and development

A1 Routine actions necessary to support the normal conduct of agency business, such as administrative, financial, and personnel actions.

A2 Contract interpretations, amendments, and modifications that are clarifying or administrative in nature.

A3 Adjustments, exceptions, exemptions, appeals, and stays, modifications, or rescissions of orders issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

A4 Interpretations and rulings with respect to existing regulations, or modifications or rescissions of such interpretations and rulings.

A5 Rulemaking interpreting or amending an existing rule or regulation that does not change the environmental effect of the rule or regulation being amended.

A6 Rulemakings that are strictly procedural, such as rulemaking (under 48 CFR part 9) establishing procedures for technical and pricing proposals and establishing contract clauses and contracting practices for the purchase of goods and services, and rulemaking (under 10 CFR part 600) establishing application and review procedures for, and administration, audit, and closeout of, grants and cooperative agreements.

A7 Transfer, lease, disposition, or acquisition of interests in personal property (e.g., equipment and materials) or real property (e.g., permanent structures and land), if property use is to remain unchanged; i.e., the type and magnitude of impacts would remain essentially the same.

A8 Award of contracts for technical support services, management and operation of a government-owned facility, and personal services.

A9 Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modelling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (Also see B3.1.)

A10 Reports or recommendations on legislation or rulemaking that is not proposed by DOE.

A11 Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

A12 Emergency preparedness planning activities, including the designation of onsite evacuation routes.

A13 Administrative, organizational, or procedural Orders, Notices, and guidelines.

A14 Approval of technical exchange arrangements for information, data, or personnel with other countries or international organizations, including, but not limited to, assistance in identifying and analyzing another country’s energy resources, needs and options.

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A15 Approval of DOE participation in international "umbrella" agreements for co-operation in energy research and development activities that would not commit the U.S. to any specific projects or activities.

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B1.1 Rate increases less than inflation (not power marketing, but see B4.3)

B1.2 Training exercises and simulation

B1.3 Routine maintenance/custodial services for buildings, structures, infrastructures, equipment

B1.4 Installation/modification of air conditioning systems for existing equipment

B1.5 Improvements to cooling water systems within existing building, structure

B1.6 Installation/modification of retention tanks, small basins to control runoff, spills

B1.7 Acquisition/installation/operation/removal of communication systems, data processing equipment

B1.8 Modifications to screened water intake/outflow structures

B1.9 Placement of airway safety markings/painting (not lighting) of existing lines, antennas

B1.10 Routine onsite storage of activated material at existing facility

B1.11 Fencing, no adverse effect on wildlife movement/surface water flow

B1.12 Detonation/burning of failed/damaged high explosives or propellants

B1.13 Construction/acquisition/relocation of onsite pathways, short onsite access roads/railroads

B1.14 Refueling of a nuclear reactor

B1.15 Siting/construction/operation of support buildings/support structures

B1.16 Removal of asbestos from buildings

B1.17 Removal of polychlorinated biphenyl-containing items from buildings, other aboveground locations

B1.18 Siting/construction/operation of additional/replacement water supply wells

B1.19 Siting/construction/operation of microwave/radio communication towers

B1.20 Protect/restore/improve fish and wildlife habitat

B1.21 Noise abatement

B1.22 Relocation of buildings

B1.23 Demolition/disposal of buildings

B1.24 Transfer of structures/residential, commercial, industrial use

B1.25 Transfer of land/habitat preservation, wildlife management

B1.26 Siting/construction/operation/decommissioning of small water treatment facilities, less than approximately 250,000 gallons per day capacity

B1.27 Disconnection of utilities

B1.28 Minor activities to place a facility in an environmentally safe condition, no proposed uses

B1.29 Siting/construction/operation/decommissioning of small onsite disposal facility for construction and demolition waste

B1.30 Transfer actions

B1.31 Relocation/operation of machinery and equipment

B1.32 Traffic flow adjustments, existing roads

B2 Categorical exclusions applicable to safety and health

B2.1 Modifications to enhance workplace habitability

B2.2 Installation of/improvements to building/equipment instrumentation (remote controls, emergency warning systems, monitors)

B2.3 Installation of equipment for personnel safety and health

B2.4 Equipment Qualification Programs

B2.5 Safety and environmental improvements of a facility, replacement/upgrade of facility components

B2.6 Packaging/transportation/storage of radioactive sources upon request by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or other cognizant agency

B3 Categorical exclusions applicable to site characterization, monitoring, and general research

B3.1 Site characterization/environmental monitoring

B3.2 Aviation activities for survey/monitoring/security

B3.3 Research related to conservation of fish and wildlife

B3.4 Transport packaging tests for radioactive/hazardous material

B3.5 Tank car tests

B3.6 Siting/construction/operation/decommissioning of facilities for bench-scale research, conventional laboratory operations, small-scale research and development and pilot projects

B3.7 Siting/construction/operation of new infill exploratory, experimental oil/gas/geothermal wells

B3.8 Outdoor ecological/environmental research in small area

B3.9 Certain Clean Coal Technology Demonstration Program activities

B3.10 Siting/construction/operation/decommissioning of particle accelerators, including electron beam accelerators, primary beam energy less than approximately 100 MeV